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(1) “Japanese” Notice of Reasons for Rejection, dated February 24, 2005, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 11-354565, along with an English translation thereof;

(2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 11-187301, (KYOCERA CORP), published July 9, 1999; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(3) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 11-284898, (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published October 15, 1999; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 04-053368, (SHARP CORP), published February 20, 1992; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(5) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 11-331662, (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO LTD), published November 30, 1999; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(6) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 10-013726, (HITACHI LTD), published January 16, 1998; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof; and


(7) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 06-086131, (HITACHI LTD and HITACHI GAZOU JOHO SYST:KK), published March 25, 1994; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof.

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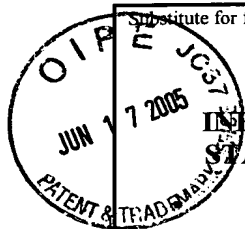
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